

AWARENESS PROGRAMME on PPV&FRA

Three day farmers fair, North East Hill Region Seed meet, Awareness programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act (PPV&FRA) was organized by the ICAR-RC for NEH Region, Manipur centre, Lamphelpat, Imphal between 11th to 13th November 2013. In the awareness programme on PPV&FRA Dr.N.Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR, Manipur centre welcome the dignitaries. DR.RR Hanchinal, Chairman, PPV&FRA, New Delhi, Chief Guest of the function elaborated on the importance of PPV&FRA. He emphasized the need for protection of rich biodiversity in Manipur through this act for our future generation including our children, grand children and for the Nation as a whole.

Dr.R.C.Agrawal, Registrar, PPV &FRA, emphasized the importance of the act, the need for traditional knowledge associated with the plant variety to be registered through this act. Dr. Ravi Prasad, Registrar , PPV &FRA, elaborated nine rights like individual ownership / Community ownership of the variety, access to seed, benefit sharing, compensation, reasonable seed price, efforts for conservation of bio diversity of the country, registration of farmers varieties, prior authorization of essentially derived varieties, innocent infringement of the farmers through this PPV&FRA.

Dr.S.V.Ngachan, Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region, Manipur centre, highlighted on important crops like Rice, Maize, Rice Bean, Passion Fruit, Chow Chow , Orchids and other potential crops for NEH region for registration. Further he mentions that it is the obligation of the Scientist, SMS, NGO s, Social organization and Farmers' to protect the plant varieties of the farmers under PPV &FRA.

Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Director, Directorate of Seed Research, Mau, UP emphasized the scientific way of seed production through self-help groups' in collaboration with ICAR/CAU and to bring all register varieties to pass through this seed chain . Further 170 applications have been submitted to Chairperson of PPV&FRA during this function. Around 350 participants of farmers from different districts, NGO, KVK participated in this programme. Farmers are invited for application by downloading the application from website www.plantauthority.gov.in or any clarification in this regard can be contacted ICAR RC for NEH Region, Manipur centre, Lamphelpat, Imphal.Dr.I.Meghachandra Singh; Principal Scientist (Seed Technology) concluded the programme with the vote of thanks.



